AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) An information supplying method comprising:

a registration step of causing a user to select, from among a plurality of ~~product and model names~~ pieces of data reproducing equipment, particular data reproducing equipment to be used by the user, and registering the particular data reproducing equipment, selected by the user, in association with the user, wherein said registration step registers a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment in association with individual users;

a setting step of setting, for each of said plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment in association with the individual users, whether or not to make the piece of data reproducing equipment an object of search;

a step of selectively searching a plurality of items of content ~~of multiple data formats~~ for particular content reproducible ~~of a data format compatible~~ with one or more pieces of data reproducing equipment set as the objects of search from among said plurality of [[the]] data reproducing equipment registered by said registration step in association with the user~~, wherein the plurality of items of content of multiple data formats includes: (a) items of content of data formats not compatible with the data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user; and (b) items of content~~

of data formats not compatible with the data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user; and

a step of selectively supplying the user with content displaying information indicative of the particular content of the data format compatible with the data reproducing equipment registered by said registration step and searched out by said step of searching.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the content displaying information is information used for reference by the user in designating desired content deliverable via a communication network.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step of registering is capable of registering a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment for each user, and

said step of searching searches for content usable only in particular data reproducing equipment currently set in a search mode from among a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein said step of searching includes a step of setting a desired one of the plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, registered in association with the user, in the search mode in response to a selection by the user.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein said step of setting includes a step of causing the user to select the desired one of the plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, registered in association with the user, via a display terminal of the user.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step of supplying presents, on a display terminal of the user, the content displaying information indicative of the searched out content.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 which further comprises a step of allowing the user to make a selection for receiving a part or whole of content corresponding to the content displaying information supplied by said step of supplying.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step of searching is carried out in response to a request made by a particular user.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a server apparatus for supplying information and a client terminal for receiving supplied information are interconnectable via a communication network, and said method is performed by using at least one of a computer of said server apparatus and a computer of said client terminal.

10. (Currently Amended) An information supplying apparatus comprising:

a registration section that causes a user to select, from among a plurality of ~~product and model names~~ <u>pieces</u> of data reproducing equipment, particular data reproducing equipment to be used, and registers the particular data reproducing equipment, selected by the user, in association with the user<u>, wherein said registration section registers a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment in association with individual users</u>;

<u>a setting section that sets, for each of said plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment in association with the individual users, whether or not to make the piece of data reproducing equipment an object of search</u>;

a searching section that selectively searches a plurality of items of content ~~of multiple data formats~~ for particular content reproducible with <u>one or more pieces of</u> the data reproducing equipment <u>set as the objects of search from among said plurality of data producing equipment</u> registered <u>by said registration section</u> in association with the user~~, wherein the plurality of items of content of multiple data formats includes: (a) items of content of data formats not compatible with the data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user; and (b) items of content of data formats not compatible with the data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user~~; and

a section that supplies the user with content displaying information indicative of the particular content ~~of the data format compatible with the data reproducing equipment registered by said registration section and~~ searched out by said searching section.

11.   (Original)   An information supplying apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein a server apparatus for supplying information and a client terminal for receiving supplied information are interconnectable via a communication network, and said information supplying apparatus belongs to at least one of said server apparatus and said client terminal.

12.   (Currently Amended)   A program containing a group of instructions for causing a processor to perform information supply processing, said information supply processing comprising:

a registration step of causing a user to select, from among a plurality of ~~product and model names~~ pieces of data reproducing equipment, particular data reproducing equipment to be used by the user, and registering the particular data reproducing equipment, selected by the user, in association with the user, wherein said registration step registers a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment in association with individual users;;

a setting step of setting, for each of said plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment in association with the individual users, whether or not to make the piece of data reproducing equipment an object of search;

a step of selectively searching a plurality of items of content ~~of multiple data formats~~ for particular content reproducible with one or more pieces of data reproducing equipment set as the objects of search from among said plurality of [[the]] data reproducing equipment registered by said registration step in association with the user, ~~wherein the plurality of items of content of multiple data formats includes: (a) items of~~

~~content of data formats not compatible with the data reproducing equipment registered~~ ~~in association with the user; and (b) items of content of data formats not compatible with~~ ~~the data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user~~; and

a step of selectively supplying the user with content displaying information indicative of the particular content ~~of the data format compatible with the data~~ ~~reproducing equipment registered by said registration step and~~ searched out by said step of searching.

13.   (Original) A program as claimed in claim 12 wherein a server apparatus for supplying information and a client terminal for receiving supplied information are interconnectable via a communication network, and said processor for performing said information supply processing is at least one of a computer of said server apparatus and a computer of said client terminal.